1. (Currently amended) A method of operating a retail terminal comprising the steps of:

placing items of a type of items to be weighed on a scale of the retail terminal;

scanning one item of the type of items via a scanner of the retail terminal;

obtaining a first weight measurement of the items of the type of items on the scale upon successful scanning of the one item of the type of items; and

obtaining a second weight measurement of the items of
the type of items on the same scale utilized in the
obtaining a first weight measurement step upon actuation of
a trigger

weight measurement, the timer having a time duration; and
obtaining a second weight measurement of the items of
the type of items on the same scale utilized in the
obtaining a first weight measurement step upon actuation of
a trigger or the timer reaching the time duration.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein actuation of a trigger comprises sensing a change of weight on the scale.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein actuation of a trigger comprises user-actuation of an actuator.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein actuation of a trigger comprises user-actuation of an actuator comprising a key of the retail terminal.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing an indication if the second weight measurement has been successfully obtained.

- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of providing an indication includes providing one of an audio indication and a visual indication.
- 8. (Currently amended) A retail terminal comprising: a processor;

memory in communication with said processor and containing program instructions operative to control said processor;

- a scale in communication with said processor; and
- a scanner in communication with said processor;

said scale operative to obtain a first weight measurement of items of a type of items placed on said

scale;

said scanner operative to obtain machine-readable data from one of the items of the type of items; and

said scale further operative to obtain a second weight measurement of the items of the type of items on said scale upon receipt of a trigger signal

said processor operative to initiate a timer after said scale obtains the first weight measurement, the timer having a time duration; and

said scale further operative to obtain a second weight measurement of the items of the type of items on said scale upon receipt of a trigger signal or the timer reaching the time duration.

- 9. (Original) The retail terminal of claim 8, wherein said trigger signal is generated by said scale sensing a change of weight.
- 10. (Original) The retail terminal of claim 8, wherein said trigger signal is generated by user-actuation of a trigger.
- 11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Currently amended) The retail terminal of claim $\frac{11}{8}$, further comprising:

an indicator in communication with said processor, said indicator operative to provide an indication of a successful attainment of said second weight measurement by said scale.

- 13. (Original) The retail terminal of claim 12, wherein said indicator comprises one of an audio device and a video device.
- 14. (Currently amended) A checkout system comprising:
 - a processor;
- a scale in communication with said processor and operative to obtain weight measurement of items placed on said scale;
- a scanner in communication with said processor and operative to read bar codes; and

memory in communication with said processor and containing program instructions which, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to:

obtain a first weight measurement from said scale of items of a type of items placed on said scale;

obtain a bar code associated with one of said items of the items of the type of items from said scanner;

initiate a timer after said processor obtains a first weight measurement, the timer having a time duration;

and

obtain a second weight measurement from said same scale of items of the type of items placed on said scale upon actuation of a trigger or said timer reaching said time duration.

- 15. (Original) The checkout system of claim 14, wherein said trigger comprises sensing a weight change by said scale.
- 16. (Original) The checkout system of claim 14, wherein said trigger comprises a user-actuated actuator.
- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Original) The checkout system of claim 14, further comprising:

an indicator in communication with said processor, said indicator operative to provide an indication of a successful attainment of said second weight measurement by said scale.

19. (Original) The checkout system of claim 18, wherein said indicator comprises one of an audio device and a video device.